years in terms of Rupees and Dollars are as given below:

| Year | Exports | |
|---|---|---|
| | In Rs. (Crores' | In US $ ) (Millions) |
| 1989-90 | 6472 | 3887 |
| 1990-91 | 8366 | 4663 |

(c) Quotas for specified texitile and apparel products are negotiated bilaterally within the framework of multifibre arrangement. Therefore, the question of counter measures does not arise.

**Eligible Workers under Rehabilitation fund Scheme**

2813. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only around 25% workers of closed textile mills were found eligible for Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme and have got the benefit of T.W.R.F.S;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which others have not been awarded benefits;

(c) what is the number of workers eligible for T.W.R.F.S. as also the number of workers who have got benefit; and

(d) what is the amount of benefit and due amount for the country and Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) relief to the workers is given in respect of only those textile units which have either been formally closed or an Official Liquidator has been appointed. Besides, only those affected workers are eligible under the Scheme who have been continously employed for 5 years in a closed textile unit on the date of closure; are borne on the records of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner and whose wages per month should be equivalent to Rs. 1600/- only.

(c) The total number of workers eligible for assistance under TWRFS is 44,204. The number of workers who have got benefit under the Scheme is 21, 628 (as on 28th Feb.' 92).

(d) As on 28th Feb., 92:

(Amt. in Rs. crores)

| Country/ State Govern- (Disbursed) | Amount of Benefit ment | Amount Due |
|---|---|---|
| For the Country | 39.76 | For 55.76 |
| Gujarat | 25.00 | 54.88 |

**Funds Provided to B.I.C.L., Kanpur**

2814. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds provided by the I.D.B.I., I.F.C.I, in the past five years to the British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company has been utilising the funds not in accordance with the programmes fixed by these institutions;

(c) whether the funds have also been used in carrying out litigations and unproductive expenses; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) 'Nil'.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

**Decline in Textiles Export**

2815. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of fall as against the targeted exports of textiles at the end of 1991;

(b) what is the percentage of decline in textile exports in the Soviet market due to the recent political developments in U.S.S.R as also in the traditional western markets;

(c) what is the overall impact on the textile and handloom industry in the country as a result thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by the Government to push up the textile exports during the current year?